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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office Action dated June 6, 2001. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of that Office Action.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no Office Action has yet been received in the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,742,686 (Finley) apparently relates to an apparatus for dynamic encryption of information including data, voice and graphics, comprising a RAM containing more than one distinct encryption and decryption programs and the information to be encrypted and decrypted and a first encryption processor. The programs comprise a code set whose members are executed serially by the first encryption processor, each member partially encrypting the information and being optionally repetitively executed. A data set in the RAM specifies order of execution of the code members and the number of times each member is executed.

PCT International Publication No. 97/30575 (Coley et al.) apparently relates to a system for enabling licensed software, comprising a client module attachable to a software application that is loaded on a computer having access to a public network,

and a license server accessible over the public network containing software application license records. The client module communicates with the license server over the public network to determine the existence of a license record corresponding to the software application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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